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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 1138

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SUBJECT: VALENCIA DENIES HIS CRITICISM OF INDONESIAN ASEAN
LEADERSHIP WAS GOVERNMENT INSPIRED

REF: MANILA 17516

1. IN JAN 22 MANILA EXPRESS COLUMNIST TEODORO
VALENCIA DENIED THAT HE WAS FUNCTIONING AS PRESIDENTIAL
MOUTHPIECE WHEN HE CRITICIZED INDONESIAN "LEADERSHIP"
OF ASEAN IN LATE DECEMBER. VALENCIA OBSERVED THAT HIS
COLUMN (WHICH FOCUSSED CRITICISM ON INDONESIAN COOLNESS
TOWARD FREE TRADE ZONE) HAS APPEARED IN SINGAPRE
STRAITS TIMES "EVENTUALLY GETTING ON THE LAP OF PRESIDENT
SUHARTO OF INDONESIA, WHO WAS UNDERSTANDABLY UNHAPPY."
ACCORDING VALENCIA, SUHARTO WAS "EVEN UNHAPPIER" WHEN
SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED BY INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN MANILA
THAT "THIS VALENCIA IS A 'CONFIDANT' OF PRESIDENT
MARCOS. WHICH IS A LIE OF COURSE. I HAVE VERY
LIMITED ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRESIDENT.
MY VIEWS ARE ENTIRELY MY OWN...."

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2. COMMENT: VALENCIA'S ANTI-INDONESIAN COLUMNS WERE

ALMOST CERTAINLY GOVERNMENT INSPIRED (REFTEL). HIS
CURRENT EFFORT TO WRIGGLE OFF THE HOOK MAY HAVE BEEN
SIMILARLY STIMULATED BY GOP IN WAKE OF INDONESIAN AND
OTHER REACTION TO HIS COLUMNS, PLUS MORE POSITIVE GOP
STANCE TOWARD ASEAN SUMMIT WHICH HAS DEVELOPED SINCE
DEATH OF RAZAK. WE AGREE THAT VALENCIA (WHO SPENDS MUCH
OF HIS TIME ATTACKING US) DOES NOT INVARIABLY REPRESENT
PALACE OPINION, ALTHOUGH IN THIS CASE THERE IS LITTLE
DOUBT THAT HE WAS BEING USED. STULL

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